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Northampton County
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Location:

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Description:

575-foot long masonry dam with an effective height of 14 feet, impounding a slackwater pool 1300 yards upstream to the present outlet lock of Section Eight. Both the earlier and present dam were (and are) angled so as to provide a basin for the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal, whose water supply is dependent on this dam.

History:

Originally a stone and timber crib dam built in 1829, the dam was completely rebuilt by the State of Pennsylvania in 1965. The old crib dam provided an outlet lock into the Delaware River, enabling boats to cross to the Morris Canal in Phillipsburg.

Source:

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